(*c*) whether any distinction is made between those who have passed the English School Leaving Certificate Examination and those who have passed the Vernacular Higher Examination in the Vernacular branch of the Education Department?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answer is in the negative. The former is considered a higher qualification than the latter.

(*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

Lease of Liquor Shops under the Farming System and the Independent Shop System.

72. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the actual revenue they have been receiving for the last four years from the taluks (except the Devicolam Division) where the farming system has been in vogue;

(*b*) the additional revenue which they have derived by the auction sale of the shops for the vend of toddy in the area to be brought under the independent shop system during the next biennial contract; and

(*c*) the staff employed at present in the area under the farming system and the expenditure on the same, the additional staff, if any, recommended by the Commissioner on account of the introduction of the new system, and the cost entailed by such increase of staff?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A statement* giving the required information is laid on the table.

(*b*) The rentals received for 355 toddy shops which have been sold out of the 404 toddy shops sanctioned for the area brought under the independent shop system, amount to Rs. 2,54,905 per annum. Full information in regard to the additional revenue is not therefore available at present.

(*c*) A statement† giving the required information is laid on the table.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Is it not a fact that at the recent auction—

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have to qualify that answer by a sentence. The printed answer is not complete. A reduction of Rs. 2,700 per annum was made at the last budget meeting of the Council in Karkatakam.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): With regard to these toddy shops?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): With regard to the additional hands. We find in appendix IV certain figures given. Rs. 2,700 will have to be deducted out of the total expenditure on account of the additional hands given there.

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* *Vide* appendix III—Page 520 † *Vide* appendix IV—Page 521.

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[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Is it not a fact that at the recent auction of these taluks under the independent shop system a sum of about Rs. 90,000 was fetched per annum excluding tree tax?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): About Rs. 75,000 or Rs. 80,000. I do not remember the exact figure.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Is it not a fact that this amount is exclusive of the tree tax?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Is it not a fact that as a rule about one-third of the rental amount is brought up in the way of tree tax per annum?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That will vary.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): I am speaking roughly.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say definitely.

Defalcations in the Trivandrum Municipality.

73. MR. K PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that some officers of the Trivandrum Municipality who embezzled municipal funds have been retained in the service on their refunding the amounts misappropriated by them?

(*b*) If there are such cases, will the Government be pleased to place on the table the names and designation of these officers with the reasons for not prosecuting or otherwise punishing them?

(*c*) Are no proper accounts of income and expenditure maintained in the Municipality?

(*d*) Does the Municipality prepare annual budgets showing the amounts under each head of revenue and expenditure?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) It is reported that there was no misappropriation but that there were delays in remitting collections.

(*b*) The names and designations of the officers responsible for the delays are given below. The President of the Municipal Council has reported that the punishment of suspension was considered sufficient.

No.	Name.	Designation.
1	Vasudevan Pillai ...	Conservancy Overseer.
2	Sivasankara Pillai ...	Do.
3	Ramakrishna Pillai ...	Aminadar.
4	K. Parameswaran Pillai ...	Do.

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Appendix II.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 68.**

Statement showing the lands available for assignment to members of the depressed classes in the various taluks.

No.	Taluks.	Area available.	No.	Taluks.	Area available.
		Acres.			Acres.
1	Tovala ...	3,912	17	Pattanamtitta ...	469
2	Agastisvaram ...	...	18	Pattanapuram ...	1,254
3	Kalkulam ...	608	19	Shencottah ...	32
4	Vilavankod ...	1,689	20	Changanachery ...	43
5	Neyyattinkara ...	316	21	Kottayam ...	21
6	Trivandrum ...	11	22	Shertallai ...	880
7	Nedumangad ...	876	23	Vaikam ...	264
8	Chirayinkil ...	651	24	Meenachil ...	314
9	Quilon ...	192	25	Todupuzha ...	594
10	Karunagapalli ...	...	26	Muvattupuzha ...	430
11	Kartigapalli ...	17	27	Kunnatnad ...	634
12	Kunnattur ...	667	28	Parur ...	48
13	Kottarakara ...	2,043	29	Devicolam ...	160
14	Ambalapuzha ...	862	30	Peermade ...	73
15	Mavelikara ...	316			
16	Tiruvalla ...	21		*Total* ...	17,397

Appendix III.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 72 (A).**

Revenue under Toddy.

Taluk.	1095	1096	1097	1098
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Shertallai ...	76,000	86,000	86,000	88,500
Vaikam ...	75,000	75,000	75,000	77,500
Kunnatnad ...	36,500	39,200	39,200	41,500
Alangad (the old revenue taluk) ...	40,500	42,500	42,500	44,000
Parur ...	35,000	37,000	37,000	38,500
Total ...	2,63,000	2,79,700	2,79,700	2,90,000

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Appendix IV.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 72 (C).**

Statement showing the present staff and the additional staff proposed in the Ranges in which the independent shop system is to be introduced.

Ranges.	Present Staff.																Cost per mensem Rs.	Additional Staff proposed.																Increased cost per annum. Rs.
	Inspectors.	Sub Inspectors.				Petty Officers.					Peons.							Inspectors.	Sub- Inspectors.				Petty officers.					Peons.						Increased Rs.	
		1st grade.	2nd grade.	3rd grade.	Total.	1st grade.	2nd grade.	3rd grade.	4th grade.	Total	1st grade.	2nd grade.	3 d grade.	4th grade.	5th grade.	Total.			1st grade.	2nd grade	3rd grade.	Total.	1st grade.	2nd grade.	3rd grade.	4th grade.	Total.	1st grade.	2nd grade.	3rd grade.	4th grade.	5th grade.	Total		
Ambalapuzha	..	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	4	1	2	4	5	7	19	499½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	2	34	961
Cherthallai	...	1	1	1	...	2	...	2	1	3	6	1	2	11	14	24	52	810½	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	3	3	1	...	...	4	6	11	222	
Vaikam	...	1	...	1	2	3	...	2	4	6	12	2	3	20	28	42	95	1,366½	...	...	...	1	1	..	...	...	2	2	1	...	...	4	4	9	154	
Velluthully	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	3	4	8	173½	
Kannatnad	...	1	...	...	2	2	...	2	...	2	4	3		12	17	27	59	830½	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	5	5	1	...	...	5	5	12	227	
Karagad	...	1	...	2	...	2	..	1	2	1	4	1	2	7	10	14	34	597½	..	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	4	4	1	...	...	8	8	17	260	
Parur	...	1	1	...	1	2	...	1	2	2	5	1	2	15	24	33	75	1,011½	...	...	...	1	1	.	..	...	5	5	1	...	...	5	8	14	245	
Cherwam	...	1		...	3	3	...	1	2	2	5	1	2	10	18	23	54	831½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	2	34	
Total	...	7	3	5	9	17	1	10	12	17	40	10	13	79	116	170	388	5,945½	1	...	...	6	6	...	...	...	22	22	6	...	...	31	38	75	1,349½	